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999th Light Afrika Division (Wehrmacht)

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The **999th Afrika Brigade** was a [German army](#) unit created in October 1942 as a [penal military unit](#). It was later expanded into the **999th Light Afrika Division** and began deploying to [North Africa](#) in early 1943. However, this was interrupted by the surrender of [Axis](#) forces in that theater. Those elements that made it to Africa before the collapse fought as independent units rather than as a division, and were lost in the general collapse. The remainder were sent to [Greece](#) for garrison and [anti-partisan](#) duty, where a number of those forced into service because of their anti-Nazi activities continued them, such as [Falk Harnack](#), who deserted and formed the [Anti-Fascist Committee for a Free Germany](#)^[1] with other soldiers. During the only fight many of the political prisoners in the division went over to the [US troops](#) or retreated, the US Army taking their positions without any heavy fighting.

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Commanders

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Commanders were:^[2]

- [Oberst](#) Heinz Karl von Rinkleff - October 1942 to 2 Feb 1943 (transferred to Russian front after the surrender at Stalingrad)
- [Generalleutnant](#) Kurt Thomas - From 2 Feb 1943 to 1 Apr 1943) (KIA 1 April 1943 when his plane was shot down en rute to Tunis.)
- [Generalmajor](#) [Ernst-Günther Baade](#) - From 2 Apr 1943 to 13 May 1943)

Organization

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Order of battle of Afrika-Brigade 999^[3]

- Afrika-Schützen-Regiment (Infantry) 961
- Afrika-Schützen-Regiment 962
- Nachrichten-Kompanie (Communications) 999

Order of battle of 999 Afrika Division^[4]

- Stab
- Divisions-Kartenstelle (Records) 999
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- Afrika-Schützen-Regiment 961
- Afrika-Schützen-Regiment 962
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- Pionier-Bataillon (Engineers) 999
- Aufklärungs-Abteilung (Reconnaissance) 999
- Astronomischer Messtrupp (Navigation) 999
- Werkstatt-Kompanie (Labor) 999
- Werkstatt-Kompanie 999
- Entgiftungs-Batterie (Cleaners) 999
- Nachschubs-Bataillon (Supply) 999
- Schlächterei-Kompanie (Butchers) 999
- Bäckerie-Kompanie (Bakers) 999
- Divisions-Verpfelungsamt (mot) 999
- Sanitäts-Kompanie (Medical) 999
- Krankenkraftwagen-Zug (Ambulance) 999
- Veterinär-Kompanie (Veterinary) 999
- [Feldgendarmarie](#)-Trupp ([Military police](#)) 999
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